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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 1654  
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: AN AGENT FOR INHIBITING ARTICULAR CARTILAGE EXTRACELLULAR  
MATRIX DEGRADATION

**SECOND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2006, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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